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SUBJ: JERUSALEM AND WEST BANK QUIET ON 1967 WAR ANNIVERSARY

1. EXCEPT FOR GRENADE INJURING TWO IN EAST JERUSALEM MORNING OF JUNE 5, ANNIVERSARY OF START OF 1967 WAR SEEMS TO BE PASSING QUIETLY IN CITY AND ON WEST BANK. GRENADE THROWN ABOUT 7:30 A.M. ON SALAH-ED-DIN STREET IN EAST JERUSALEM BUSINESS AREA, NEAR GOI JUSTICE MINISTRY BUILDING, BOUNCED OFF ROOF OF TOUR BUS AND EXPLODED NEAR POLICE CAR, INJURING CIVIL DEFENSE GUARD AND CIVILIAN AND DAMAGING VEHICLE. POLICE REPORTEDLY BELIEVE GRENADE THROWN FROM NEARBY BUILDING.

2. ALTHOUGH SOME SHOPKEEPERS IN EAST JERUSALEM DELAYED OPENING STORES, ALL APPEARED TO BE OPERATING NORMALLY BY 9:30 A.M. ADDITIONAL POLICE IN EVIDENCE, BUT STREETS CROWDED WITH USUAL SHOPPERS AND TOURISTS. SITUATION SIMILAR IN NABLUS AND RAMALLAH, ALTHOUGH STRIKE WAS BRIEFLY THREATENED IN RAMALLAH, WHERE SOME STORES DID NOT OPEN UNTIL POLICE APPEARED ON SCENE AND ORDERED

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THEM TO DO SO. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND MANY RAMALLAH

MERCHANTS WARNED BY MILGOV OFFICIALS EVENING BEFORE
AGAINST KEEPING THEIR BUSINESSES CLOSED. (LATTER
SOMEWHAT IRONIC, SINCE NUMBER OF RAMALLAH SHOPS STILL
CLOSED BY ORDER OF MILGOV AS PUNISHMENT FOR VEHICLE BURNINGS
IN MAY THAT OCCURRED IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.)

3. EARLIER IN WEEK, ON JUNE 2, JEWISH RESTAURANT NEAR
IBRAHIMI MOSQUE (TOMBS OF THE PATRIARCHS) IN HEBRON
WAS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED IN ARSON ATTEMPT. RESTUARANT,
WHICH OWNED AND PATRONIZED BY JEWISH SETTLERS OF KIRYAT
ARBA, WAS BADLY DAMAGED BY SIMILAR ARSON ATTACK ABOUT
6 MONTHS AGO. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THESE ATTACKS SINCE
OCTOBER 1973 WAR ARE ONLY THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST
THIS RATHER ISOLATED JEWISH BUINESS SINCE IT OPENED
AFTER KIRYAT ARBA'S ESTABLISHMENT IN LATE '60S.DAY

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